

St. Catherine's Lodge, Bear Wood, Wokingham
Dec. 2. 1856.

My dear Collier,

Can you, without much trouble, give me
any help? I am writing 'Percy' in a plain,
popular way, & the second Book, devoted,
as you remember, to Ballads that illustrate
Shakespeare, has continually recalled you to
my recollection - I quite know that you
have thrown light on this chapter of our
history, but I have not your written of
Shakespeare, nor, indeed, any of your contributions
to this subject. Would it be inconvenient
to send me any paper, which you happen
to possess, for a week or ten days?

I. P. Collier Esq.

I would read for the Book, & return them;

I need not say with thanks to the lender.

You will see that I am 'translated'
into the new book which I mentioned
when I saw you a long time ago. But
I must wait for the summer before
the upholders, & other officials, have
done their part - And I shall
half hope then to give you & others
& yourself a very hearty welcome
to an green crowd, which, I confidently

believe, with please you much.

I beg my kind regards to all your family,

and am your very sincerely

H. A. Wickmott

